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Sir:

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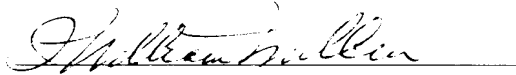
Included with the attached Form PTO-1449 is a French Search Report relating to the corresponding French application and a copy of the reference cited therein, which have been classified as A (document of relevance against at least one claim or document defining the general state of the art).

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